## **Claims**

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- 1. A patch for covering a portion of the anatomical surface of a living being, said patch being able to adhere to the skin or mucosa, and/or a wound, said patch comprising a backing layer and a layer of a skin-friendly adhesive for adhering to the skin or mucosa, said adhesive comprises hydrocolloid particles, wherein at least along the periphery of the patch the thickness of the adhesive layer is 20–300 µm and the vapour permeability of the patch is 200-1000 g/m² and the absorption of the patch is 40-600 g/m²/6h.
- 10 2. A patch according to claim 1, wherein the patch has a substantially uniform thickness.
  - 3. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the absorption of the patch is  $50-400 \text{ g/m}^2/6h$ .

4. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is 30-200  $\mu m_{\cdot}$ 

- 5. A patch according any of the preceding claims wherein the vapour permeability
  of the patch is 300-800 g/m².
  - 6. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 125  $\mu m$ .
- 7. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the hydrocolloid particles have a size being substantially less than 50 μm.
  - 8. A patch according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the patch has a reflectance lower than 5.
  - 9. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the backing layer is a polyurethane film.

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- 10. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the backing layer has a thickness of less than 30  $\mu m$ .
- 5 11. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the adhesive layer is uninterrupted.
  - 12. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the patch comprises an absorbent pad.
  - 13. A patch according to any of the preceding claims wherein the patch comprises one or more cavities.

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14. A patch according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the patch further15 comprises one or more active ingredients.